1	TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
2	The Committee on Human Services to which was referred House Bill No.
3	271 entitled "An act relating to administration of the Supplemental Nutrition
4	Assistance Program" respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5	recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6	clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
7	Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. chapter 17 is amended to read:
8	CHAPTER 17. FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS
9	SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
10	§ 1701. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
11	(a) The State of Vermont may participate in the federal Supplemental
12	Nutrition Assistance Program which is provided for under (SNAP) pursuant to
13	7 U.S.C. chapter 51. The Commissioner may adopt, amend, or repeal rules
14	governing the operation of the Program in the State. The purpose of SNAP is
15	to alleviate hunger and malnutrition among low-income households by
16	increasing their food purchasing power and access to nutritious safe food.
17	(b) An individual domiciled in Vermont shall be exempt from the
18	disqualification provided for in 21 U.S.C. § 862a.
19	(c) The Commissioner may adopt, amend, or repeal rules governing the
20	operation of the Program in the State pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

1	(d) When As used in this section chapter, "Commissioner" means the
2	Commissioner for Children and Families and "Department" means the
3	Department for Children and Families.
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5	§ 1703. CHANGES TO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION
6	(a)(1) The Department shall report to the Chairs of the House Committee
7	on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare within
8	30 days of any substantive change in the federal law governing SNAP that:
9	(A) restricts or improves eligibility,
10	(B) increases or reduces barriers or creates or eliminates hardships to
11	access; or
12	(C) inhibits or increases benefit usage.
13	(2) The Department shall provide an analysis of the administrative costs
14	and impacts on SNAP applicants and participants of any such change to the
15	Chairs within 90 days of the change.
16	(b) The Commissioner shall notify and may convene a meeting of
17	interested stakeholders to discuss the changes listed in subsection (a) of this
18	section.
19	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
20	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.
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2	(Committee vote:)	
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4		Representative
5		FOR THE COMMITTEE